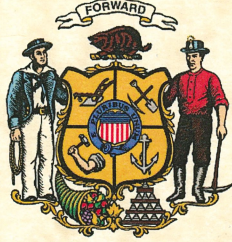


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease,” is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by cell degeneration in the spinal cord; and

*WHEREAS*; ALS initially presents with muscle weakness, especially in the extremities, and, as the disease progresses, the patient experiences difficulty swallowing, talking, and breathing, followed by muscle atrophy, eventually becoming a functional quadriplegic; and

*WHEREAS*; ALS does not affect mental capacity, so the patient remains alert and aware of their loss of motor functions; and

*WHEREAS*; the disease has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure, and, on average, folks diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

*WHEREAS*; while ALS can strike anyone, it most commonly develops in folks aged 40 to 70, and research indicates that military veterans are twice as likely to develop the disease; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins ALS patients and advocates in spreading awareness and embracing hope that advancements in science and medicine will soon lead to a deeper understanding of the disease, new treatments to enhance quality of life, and a cure;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

## ALS AWARENESS MONTH

Throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 2020.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

The Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State